

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 183
By Turner (Ham)

A RESOLUTION to honor Ms. Carolyn Sivley Minnich on the occasion of her retirement from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to pay homage to those exemplary citizens who have given unreservedly of themselves in service of their respective vocations, communities and families; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carolyn Sivley Minnich is most assuredly one such remarkable citizen who is richly deserving of this Body's commendation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Minnich has served the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department with the greatest dignity and integrity since 1962, when she was first employed as Coordinator of the Civil Process Division; and

WHEREAS, the eighth child born to Russell and Ethel Sivley, Carolyn came to Chattanooga at the request of then Sheriff James "Bookie" Turner to conduct a survey and to make recommendations as to the need of the Sheriff's Department; one recommendation being to implement a record-keeping section for Civil Process; and

WHEREAS, By virtue of her outstanding service in response to Sheriff Turner's request, Carolyn Minnich was hired as an employee of the Department; when Sheriff Turner was elected to the serve as the Commissioner of Fire and Police for the City of Chattanooga, she served for 30 days as Deputy Coroner until the County Quarterly Court appointed a new sheriff; and

WHEREAS, From 1963-76, Ms. Minnich served with probity as Executive Secretary to Sheriff Frank Newell, Sheriff H.Q. Evatt, and Sheriff Jerry Pitts, the latter of which promoted her to Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, During H.Q. Evatt's second tenure as sheriff, from 1978-94, Carolyn was promoted to Lieutenant, during which time many significant improvements were made at the Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, Under her supervision, the Civil Process Division has had no lawsuits filed against the Department or against a process server, a record that is not often achieved in her profession; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her outstanding tenure, Carolyn has distinguished herself as the very epitome of the conscientious and dedicated employee, as she has often exceeded the call of duty to ensure the safety and well-being of the good citizens of Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Minnich is highly valued as both a professional and a friend to her community, and her efficiency, decision-making and leadership skills are important components in the Department's day-to-day operation; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Minnich has earned the respect and admiration of employees of the Sheriff's Department by means of her superior performance and her genuine concern for the collective welfare and the well-being of each individual associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn's distinguished tenure at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department has truly been in the time-honored tradition of public service, in which many long, hard hours of work are performed, not for personal benefit or public acclaim, but rather the satisfaction of a job well done and knowing one has contributed to the betterment of society; and

WHEREAS, Employees of Ms. Minnich's stature are exceedingly rare and should be treasured when they do come along; and

WHEREAS, On April 2, 2001, she will answer the tantalizing call of retirement to the great dismay of her friends and colleagues at the Department, who will dearly miss her presence after 40 illustrious years on the job; and

WHEREAS, her numerous accomplishments aside, Carolyn is most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her family, including her sisters, Virginia, Dorothea, Betty, Kay, and Barbara; her brothers, Bill, Bud and Calvin; and her many other relatives and friends; Ms. Minnich has a special place in the heart of her niece, our own Deputy Speaker Brenda Turner and her brother Michael Turner; and

WHEREAS, she has a masterful green thumb to raise beautiful flowers and is a great lover of canine children;

WHEREAS, The General Assembly wishes to join in recognizing Ms. Minnich for her exemplary career at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department and her personification of the ideal public servant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and recognize Ms. Carolyn Sivley Minnich on the occasion of her much deserved retirement, salute her life of purpose and commitment, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Ms. Minnich with this final clause omitted from such copy.